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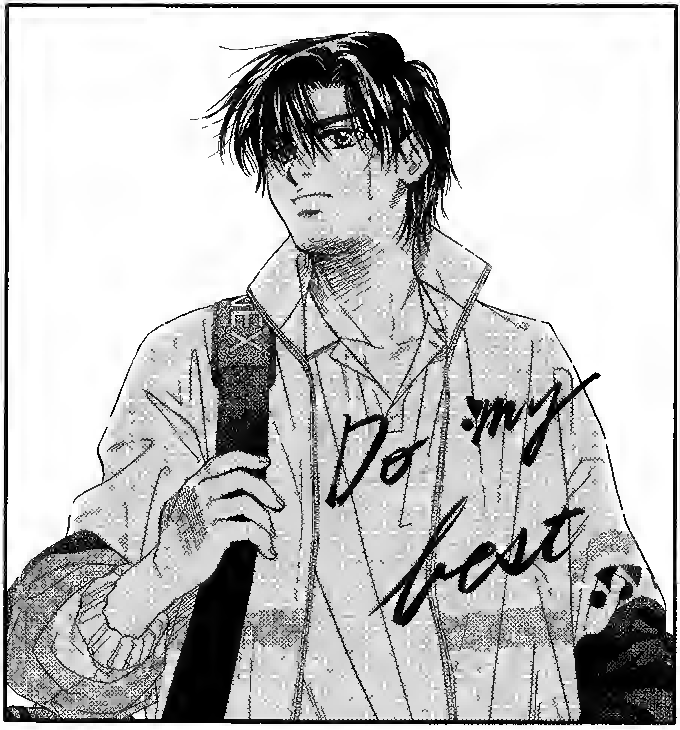

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025 - Kick serve and sportsmanship

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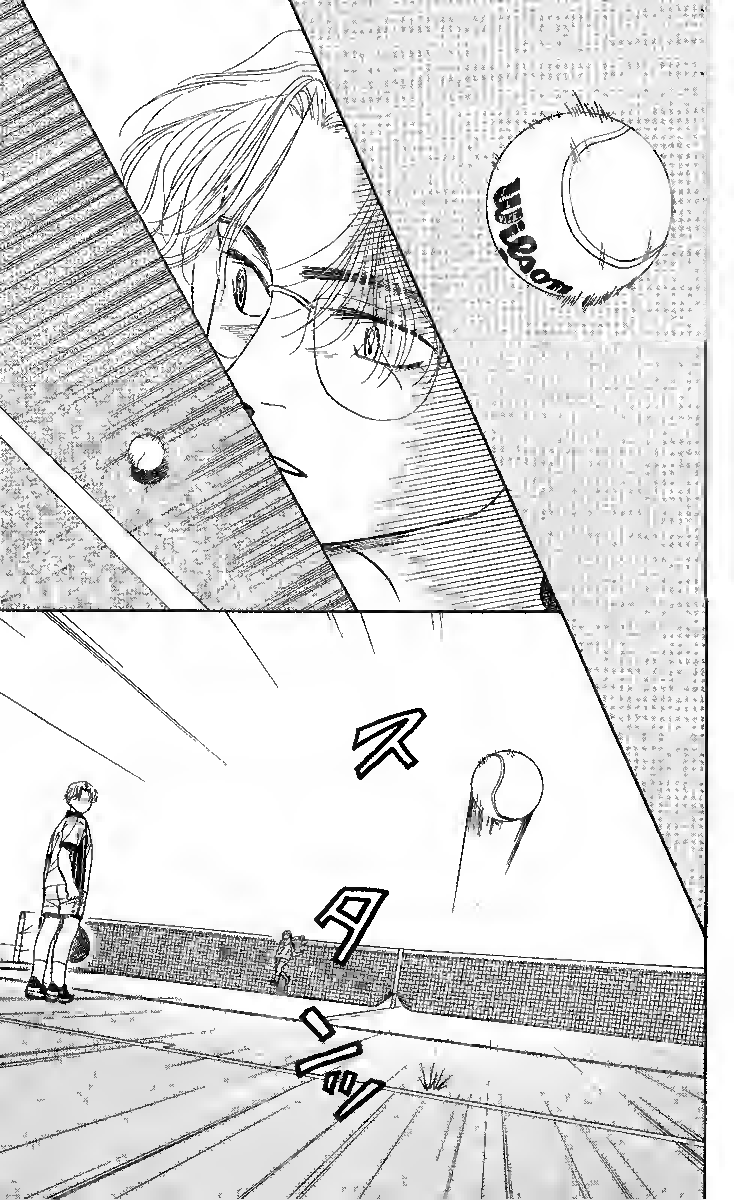
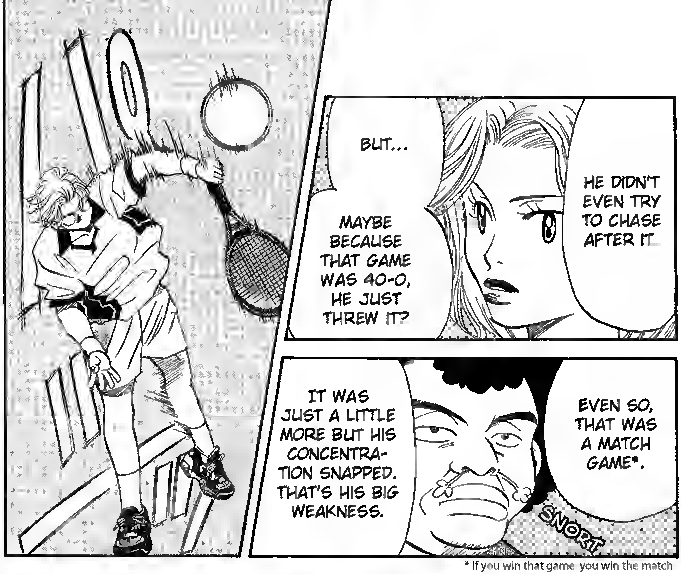
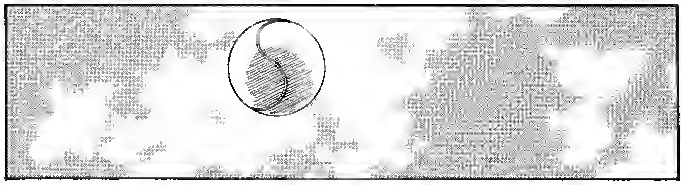

THE BOOM
スーパーショット

CREAK
STEP
That was easy
EH?
.....
GAME. TAKEYAMA.
IT WAS ALREADY 40-0 SO MAYBE HE JUST GAVE UP?
HE DIDN'T TRY TO CHASE THE BALL AT ALL.
3-5 CTAKEYAMA-TAKITO
RUUI-SAMA,
WAS JUST WATCHING WHERE THE BALL WENT. WAS IT BECAUSE THE OPPONENT'S SHOT WAS TOO STRONG?
OR HE THOUGHT IT WAS AN OUT.
MY GOODNESS!
EVEN RUUI-SAMA...
CAN MAKE A MISTAKE.
B-BMP
B-BMP
It's surprising.

LOST THE WILL TO FIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH, AGAIN.
Sigh
LOOKS LIKE T. KITA-KUN
.....
AS USUAL, IT LOOKS LIKE
TAKITA-KUN CAN'T KEEP HIS HEAD IN THE GAME.
EVEN THOUGH I NEEDED TO CONCEN-TRATE ON THAT GAME JUST NOW...
RUSSLE
DAM-MIT
CALM DOWN. CALM DOWN.
Fuuu


HE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO CHASE AFTER IT.
BUT...
MAYBE BECAUSE THAT GAME WAS 40-0, HE JUST THREW IT?
EVEN SO, THAT WAS A MATCH GAME*.
SNORT
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE MORE BUT HIS CONCENTRA-TION SNAPPED. THAT'S HIS BIG WEAKNESS.

* If you win that game you win the match



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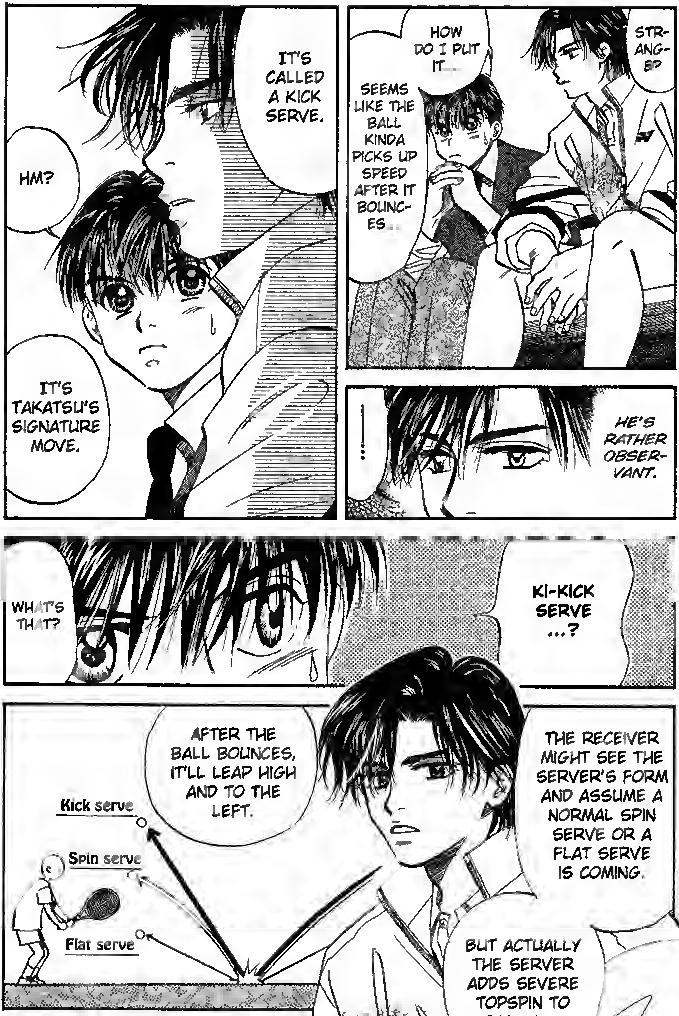
Hello. It's Ragawa Marimo. This is a Ruui vs Saseko chapter. My inspiration for writing this manga was "to convey the excitement when watching a heated match in a manga." I think that the power is still lacking but if you've experienced any of these sentiments, I'd be very happy. However this is very hard. It doesn't always come out like I want.
Then that
Like this
Umm Umm
Image training for the match in her head
Whatever! I thought the Ruui vs Saseko scene was quite lengthy when I was writing it, but once the book was published
it went by in a flash. Wellllll please read on. Alright, let's go!
HM?!

Uuah
!!
WHAT IS IT...
BLEH
TAKA-TSU'S SERVE IS SOMEHOW KINDA STRANGE.
TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVELS.
4-1.
GAME. TAKATSU.
7th
OUT!
.....
GRR!


IT'S CALLED A KICK SERVE.
HM?
IT'S TAKATSU'S SIGNATURE MOVE.
HOW DO I PUT IT...
SEEMS LIKE THE BALL KINDA PICKS UP SPEED AFTER IT BOUNCES...
STRANGE
!!!
HE'S RATHER OBSERVANT.
WHAT'S THAT?
KI-KICK SERVE ...?
AFTER THE BALL BOUNCES, IT'LL LEAP HIGH AND TO THE LEFT.
Kick serve
Spin serve
Flat serve
THE RECEIVER MIGHT SEE THE SERVER'S FORM AND ASSUME A NORMAL SPIN SERVE OR A FLAT SERVE IS COMING.
BUT ACTUALLY THE SERVER ADDS SEVERE TOPSPIN TO THE BALL.

POWERFUL SPINS. PERFECT TIMING.
TAKATSU'S KICK SERVE IS A WORK OF AN ART.
IT'D DEFINITELY WORK JUST FINE EVEN WITH THE WORLD'S JUNIORS.
CHEEKY! HE'S JUST A HEITA!
THE WORLD'S ?!
WHAT THE HECK?!
HN!
I'LL THINK OF THEM AS PUMPKINS.
ON THE SAME BENCH TOO!
Is he?
Exactly who the heck
WHY IS SASEKO SITTING WITH THAT COCKY, IDE GUY WATCHING MY MATCH?

YOU WON'T STOP STARING AT HIM.
HEH?
YOU WANT TO PLAY TAKATSU?
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HIM AS A RIVAL PLAYER, RIGHT?

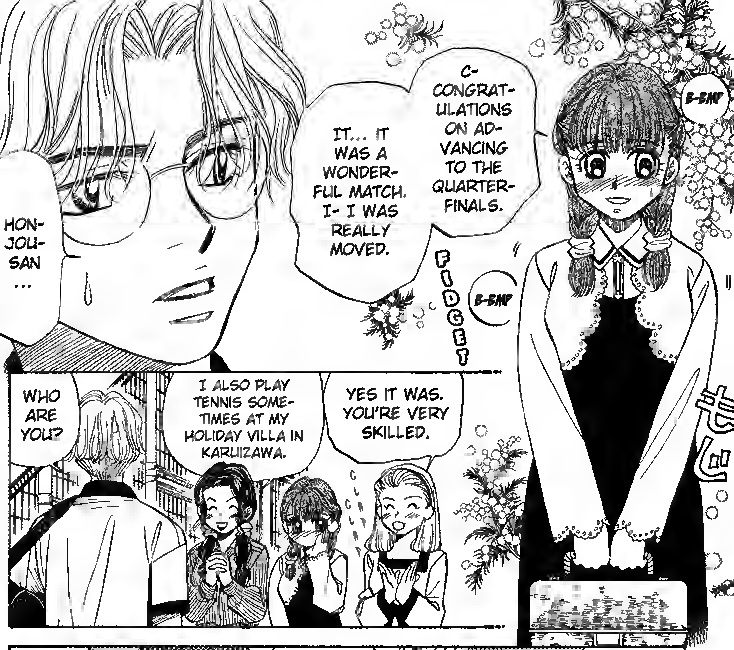
THE DESIRE TO FIGHT AGAINST A GOOD PLAYER IS NORMAL, RIGHT?
UHM... ERR... W-WATCHING IS... LEARNING...
flustered
flustered
I...
!

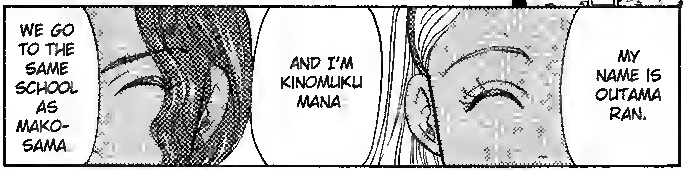
WANT TO RECEIVE HIS SHOTS.
CLAP
CLAP
I GIVE UP
I WISH YOU COULD SHARE THAT HUNGER WITH SOMEONE.
SO-ME-ONE?
SASEKO, HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED TAKATSU?
I HAVE. TWICE. I BEAT HIM BOTH TIMES
WOW! THEN WHAT? THEN WHAT? DO YOU WANT TO PLAY HIM AGAIN? OR THAT'S ENOUGH?

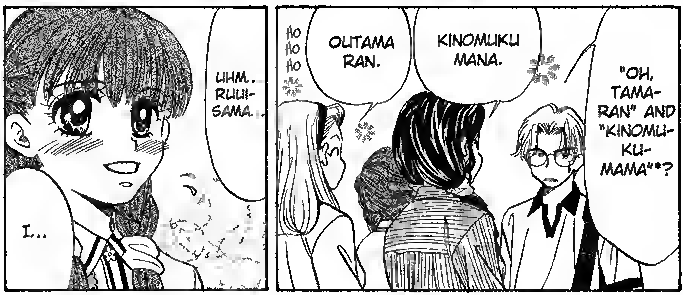
I'D RATHER AVOID HIM IF I CAN HELP IT.
HUH? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE TALK WORTHY OF A NUMBER ONE SEED.
I MEAN, YOU BEAT HIM TWICE.
OUT!!
THAT WAS AN OUT, RIGHT?!
IT... IT WAS IN
WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU LOOK-ING?!
IT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
ARGH~~~! TAKATSU THERE HE GOES AGAIN.
SOB
C-COACH
HM?
WINNING OR LOSING ISN'T THE PROBLEM.

PLAYING WITH TAKATSU
MAKES YOU FEEL BAD.
Just that
スッパリ
sfx resolute
IT WAS TOTALLY OUT!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A LINE JUDGE?!
MATCH WON BY TAKITA.
6-4.
GOOD GAME.
GOOD GAME ... GOOD LUCK.
TAKITA-KUN WON AT THE END
A TOUGHER MATCH THAN EXPECTED
He threw two games in a row
CLAP CLAP
BUT IN THE QUARTER FINALS ...
CHUCKLE

WE'LL GET TO SEE A GOOD GAME
HEAD
FREEMIE
BETWEEN TWO FIRST-RATE PLAYERS. SASEKO SHUN VS TAKITA RUUI.
I ENTERED THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT JUST LAST YEAR
BY THAT TIME, TAKITA-KUN HAD ALREADY DISAPPEARED FROM THE JUNIORS WORLD.
I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.
DOES HE COME FROM A TENNIS FAMILY LIKE SASEKO-KUN?
NO, SEEMS NOT.
IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, HIS FATHER IS A NORMAL BUSINESS MAN.
RUUI-SAMA...
UH... UM...
STEP


HON-JOU-SAN ...
IT... IT WAS A WONDER-FUL MATCH. I- I WAS REALLY MOVED.
C-CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON AD-VANCING TO THE QUARTER-FINALS.
B-BNP
FIDGET
B-BNP
WHO ARE YOU?
I ALSO PLAY TENNIS SOME-TIMES AT MY HOLIDAY VILLA IN KARUIZAWA.
YES IT WAS. YOU'RE VERY SKILLED.

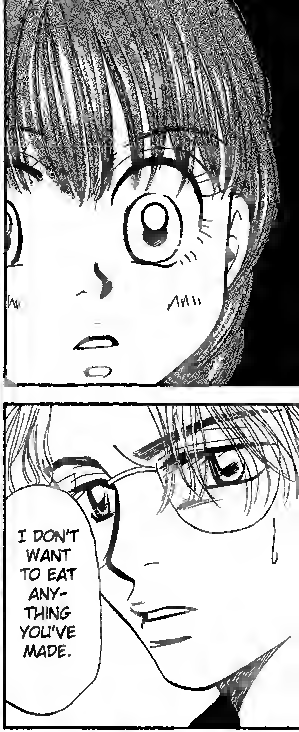




T/N: A wordplay "Outama Ran" => Oh tama ran (Oh I can t help it!) "Kinomuku Mana" => Kinomukumama ni (at one s fancy)

I MADE SAND-WICHES FOR YOU TODAY.
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE IT IF YOU ATE THEM.
SFX Taken aback
SFX Tadaa
Agh
SFX Sparkle x3
HO-HON-JOU-SAN...
I'VE TOLD YOU COUNLESS TIMES.
IT'S A BOTHER.
YES?

HE'S THE TYPE WHO NEEDS A WAKE-UP CALL?!
HE...

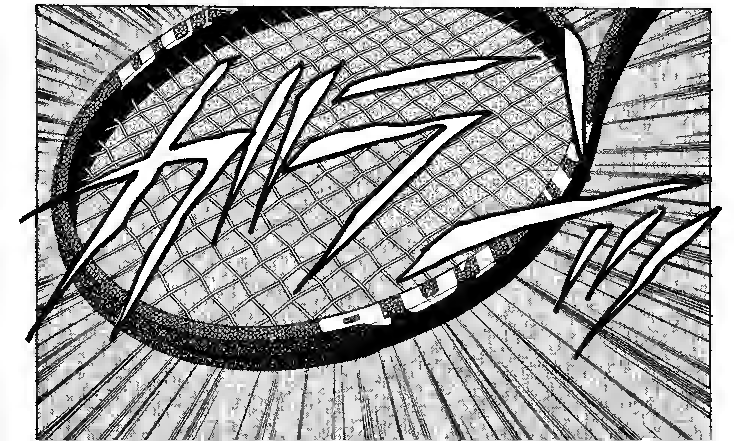

I DON'T WANT TO EAT ANY-THING YOU'VE MADE.

SFX Aghast

IGNORING
I- I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT.
THERE'S ACTUALLY SUCH AN ILL-MANNERED PERSON IN THIS WORLD.

ARE YOU LEAV-ING?
TURNS
WAI-

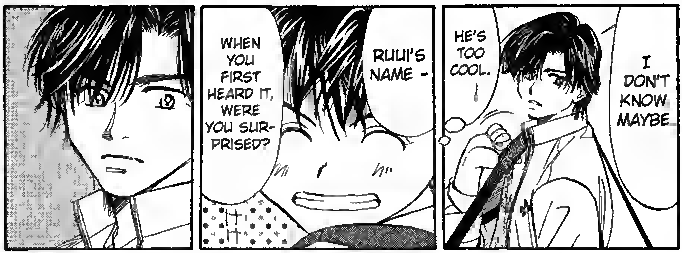
MAKO-SAMA, PLEASE DON'T BE SAD.
YES, YOU HAVE US. WE'LL HAVE THE SAND-WICHES TO-GETHER.
IT'S ...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST HEARD HIS COLD WORDS.
MY HEART WON'T STOP POUND-ING...
How wonderful
ドッキ
ドッキ
ドッキ
ピキー
SFX Chills
SFX Tremble x3

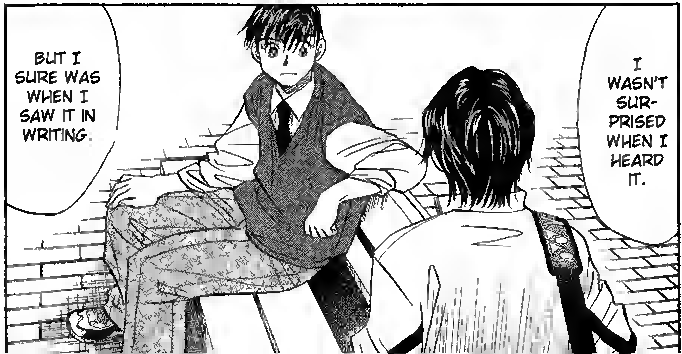


I QUIT.
HEH
SLACK-JAWED
C-COACH~~~?!
but still...
THE OTHER LIGHT
SPEECHLESS

THIS IS WHY I HATE STUDENT TOURNAMENTS.
I CAN'T PLAY WITH IDIOTIC LINE JUDGES.
EH? UHH... YOU'RE WITHDRAWING?!
I QUIT. THIS MATCH SUCKS. I DON'T WANNA PLAY ANYMORE.
Yeah, he's awful
IT MAKES BOTH THE OPPONENT AND THE SPECTATORS UNCOMFORTABLE COURT MANNERS ARE PART OF THE GAME, TOO
HE'LL BE PRESSURED BY THE OTHERS EVENTUALLY, HE'LL BECOME THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE TENNIS WORLD
IF HE'S EVER ON WORLD TOUR, PEOPLE WILL BOO HIM NON-STOP
TAKATSU'S MATCHES ARE ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
STEP
HE COMPLAINS ALL THE TIME.
UNLESS HE CHANGES HOW HE BEHAVES ON THE COURT, I CAN'T ACCEPT HIM AS A TENNIS PLAYER.
RISE
WHAT ABOUT RUUI?
HE'S A GENTLEMAN

YEAH.
YOU KNOW RUUI FROM WAY BACK, RIGHT?
I CAN'T IMAGINE IT, BUT... HAVE YOU EVER CRACKED JOKES AROUND HIM?
JOKES?
I DO...
DO YOU THINK HE'S AWE-SOME?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF RUUI?
TAK-ITA?
!!!


WHEN YOU FIRST HEARD IT, WERE YOU SUR-PRISED?
RUUI'S NAME -
HE'S TOO COOL.
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE.


BUT I SURE WAS WHEN I SAW IT IN WRITING.
I WASN'T SUR-PRISED WHEN I HEARD IT.

THE FIRST TIME WE MET, TAKITA'S JAPANESE WASN'T VERY GOOD.
HUH?
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE IT IN KANJI.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WRITTEN IN KATAKANA.
HM?
Am I the Bad Guy here?
A-ABOUT WHAT?
DON'T YOU KNOW?
WHY "HUH"?
TAKITA
IS HALF-FRENCH.

TAKAT-
SU!
YOU! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SPORTSMAN-SHIP AT ALL?!
OH, SHUT UP
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO BE ASHAMED? ASHAMED?!
SFX Snap
TAKA ...
OH!
HE SNAPPED AND PASSED OUT!

YOU WERE WATCHING THE GAME WITH SASEKO JUST NOW.
THE "I'M STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE" IDE-KUN.
YO.
Coach!!
SFX Spa e l out
JE T'AIME.
STARED OUT
DID SASEKO SAY SOME-THING?
HEY?
Fall!
?

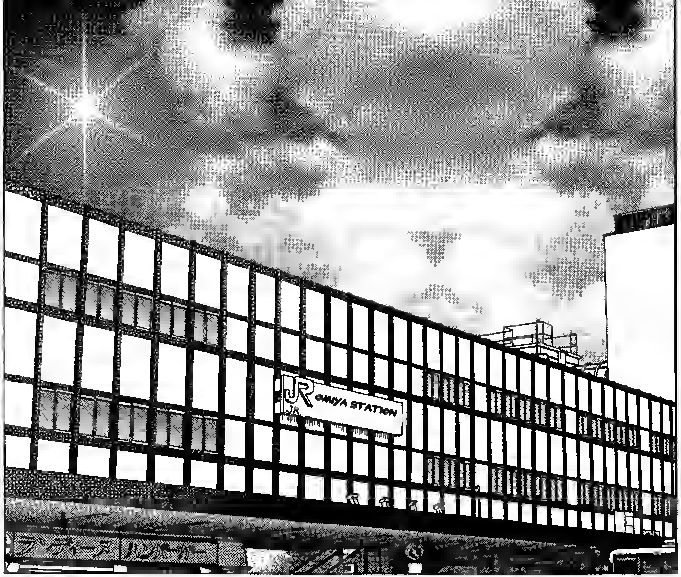
BONJOU~R
HUH?
SEISHI-BON (C'EST SI BOND
SHAPON (CHAPEAU)
ZABON*
MAYUGE-BO~N*
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!
DAZED
DAZED
(T/N: * wordplays: Ide just tried to make them rhymes.
Zabon = Shaddock (in Japanese)
Mayugebon = Thick eyebrows (in Japanese))
THAT GUY... HE'S SCARY IN LOTS OF WAYS.
B-BMP
B-BMP

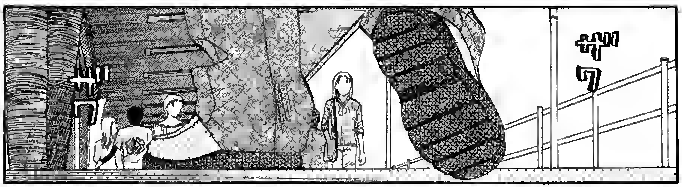
WHAT?
You startled me
IDE...?
YANK
!?
SFX Startled
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?
IDE-KUN?
GACHO——N
NOTHING.

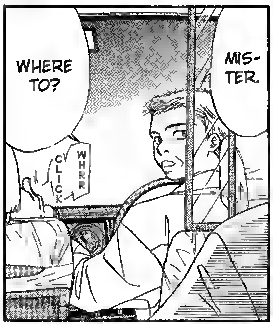
RUUI, ARE YOU REALLY HALF-FRENCH?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
Confusion
I WAS JUST TRYING TO ACT SURPRISED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BESIDES, I CAN HARDLY REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT FRANCE AND CAN'T SPEAK FRENCH ANYMORE.
IT ISN'T RELEVANT.
SFX Gets up
SO IT'S TRUE?!
IS THAT SOMETHING I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU?
NO, YOU SEE ..
THAT'S ALSO NOT RELEVANT!!
AND YOU'VE GOT DROOPY EYELIDS.
STARE
WHEN YOU SAY THAT, HE DOES HAVE THE LOOK.
STARE
WHAT? TAKITA IS HALF-FRENCH?
STARE

.....
STARE
I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN.
YOU LOOK JAPANESE TO ME.
WHO'S FRENCH? YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING.
PLEASE BACK OFF!
STARE
IF WE GO TO YOUR HOUSE, WILL WE GET TO EAT FRENCH FOOD?
CHICKS DIG MUTTS
Homemade
OOPS
S-SORRY.
Is that not a good thing?
YEAH! BACK OFF!
DON'T THESE GUYS UNDERSTAND THAT SOMEONE IS TRYING TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR A BIG MATCH?
So noisy
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!
IDIOT!
YOU'RE JUST A NOBUCCHI!
STOP IT!
POW
BOKO
Mama's voice
SFX Thud

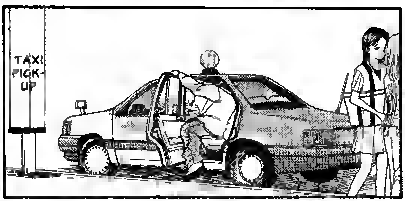
EXCUSE ... ME.
CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH SASEKO-KUN PLEASE?
OH, NO, NO. THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME.
WE NEED HIM TO FOCUS FOR THE QUARTER-FINALS.
ALRIGHT. GOOD LUCK THEN.
LISTEN, SASEKO!
FROM WHAT I SAW, TAKITA DOESN'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO MATCH YOU.
THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE TROUBLE BECAUSE HE'S A LEFTY, BUT THAT'S ALL.
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY UNEX-PECTED KILLING SHOTS.
NO NEED TO BE SCARED.
HE'S THE GUY I'M MOST NERVOUS ABOUT FACING IN THIS TOURNAMENT.
YOU THINK?


JR
OMIYA STATION




WHERE TO?
MIS-TER.
CLICK
WHIRR

TAXI


TAXI
PICK-UP

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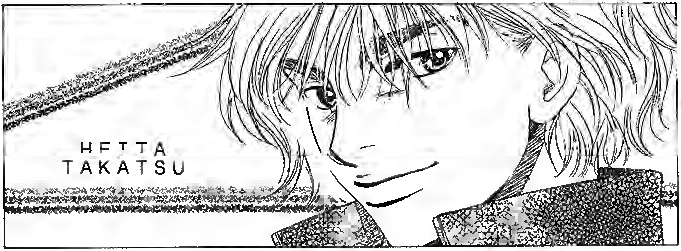
Chapter 26 - Regrets

TA-THUMP...
TA-THUMP...
whissh
TA-THUMP
HEAD
TA-THUMP

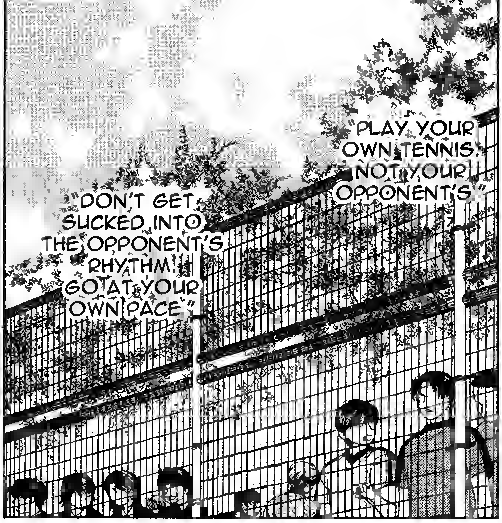

HETTA
TAKATSU

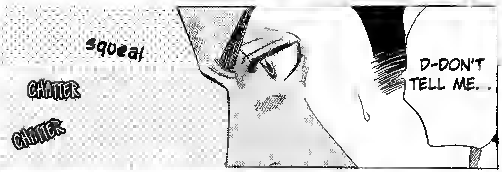
TA-THUMP
SASEKO
whish
whish
whish
ALWAYS CHOSES THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE COURT.
IT'S A TYPE OF SUPER-STITION!

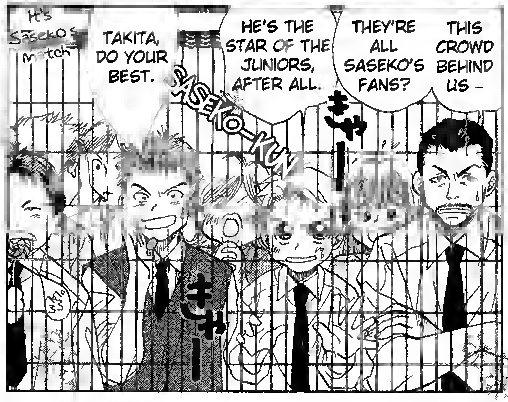
WHILE I HAVE TO GET MYSELF FOCUSED BY LISTENING TO MUSIC BEFORE THE MATCH.
SASEKO...
TURNS
I'M ENVIOUS.
CAN CONCENTRATE THE MINUTE HE STEPS ONTO THE COURT
ONCE, I WAS TOLD THAT I SHOULD...

¼ page No 2
My hobby

In the past, my hobby was "drawing" But now that it's become my job, every time I'm asked "what's your hobby?" I feel troubled. I don't really have time to read. The next thing I knew, my hobby became "watching sports." However, I'm not very knowledgeable about them. I don't even go to live games. Most of the time, I watch them from home. I'm kinda like "breadth, not depth" about knowledge. I prefer big world-class tournaments and I love cheering for Japanese athletes. So the Olympics and the World Games are so my thing.



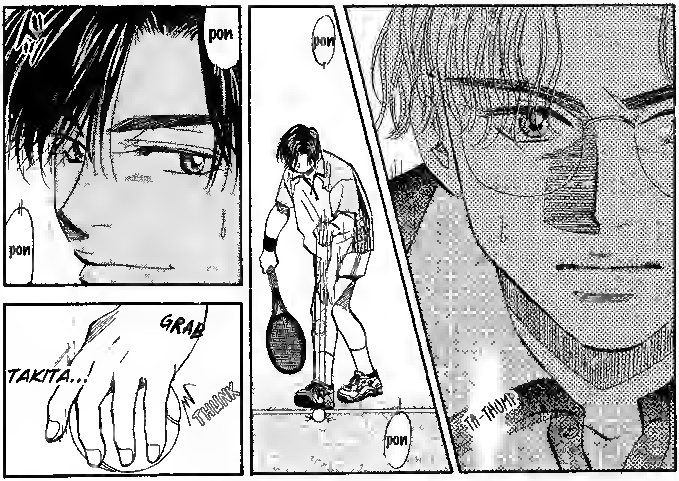



It's SASEKO'S match
TAKITA, DO YOUR BEST.
HE'S THE STAR OF THE JUNIORS, AFTER ALL.
THEY'RE ALL SASEKO'S FANS?
THIS CROWD BEHIND US -
SASEKO-KUN

HAVE YOU WATCHED HIM PLAY BEFORE?
HINAKO-SAN, YOU'RE SASEKO'S COUSIN.
.....
BUT NOT DURING THESE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS
OF COURSE. IN THE PAST.
I WONDER HOW GOOD HE IS
.....
WH-
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU CHEERING FOR, THEN, HINAKO-SAN?
HUH?
IN THIS SITUATION, YOU'RE CHEERING FOR TAKITA-KUN, RIGHT?
IDE-KUN,
YOU CAN'T NOT CHEER FOR HIM.
.....

HOW GOOD SHUN IS...
Y-YES?
IDE-KUN
SUCH A LONG PAUSE...
EH?
Fidget
Fidget
IT'S HARD TO CHOOSE A SIDE,
YOUR COUSIN VS YOUR TEAMMATE
FRANTIC
AH, WELL ...!
RIGHT?!
FRANTIC
EH? WHAT?
She's kissed?
TAP
TAP
PINCH
SEE IT FOR YOURSELF!

THE BEST OF A THREE-SET MATCH.
PLAYER
Saneko Shun
(Kanagawa - Shoka)
Takita Ruui
(Chiba - Makunogaw
pon
pon
SASEKO TO SERVE.
PLAY.


pon
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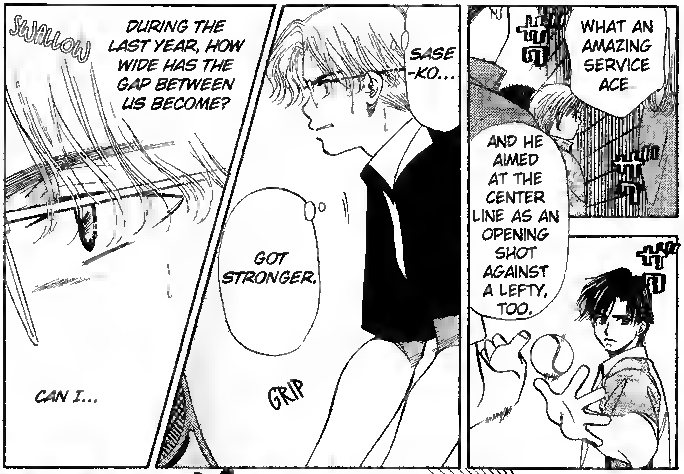
GRAB
TAKITA...
THUNK
FA-THUMP

YOU
MADE ME WAIT A LONG TIME FOR THIS
KILL

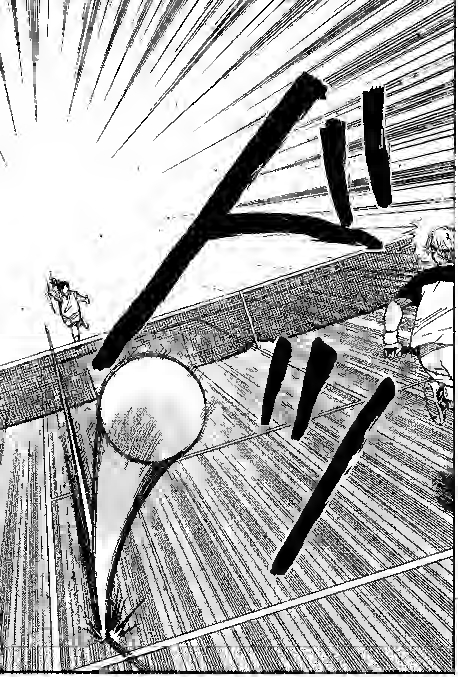
Kill
Kill
DAMMIT...
!
15-0
(SASEKO-TAKITA)
WHOA!
UWAH!


SWALLOW
DURING THE LAST YEAR, HOW WIDE HAS THE GAP BETWEEN US BECOME?
CAN I...
SASE-KO...
GOT STRONGER.
GRIP
WHAT AN AMAZING SERVICE ACE
AND HE AIMED AT THE CENTER LINE AS AN OPENING SHOT AGAINST A LEFTY, TOO.

HAA!
UGH!

TOSS
STILL PLAY AN EQUAL MATCH WITH HIM?!

HE RETURNED WITH A STRAIGHT!
OH!
UGHA!
!!
A CROSS-COURT IS COMING NEXT!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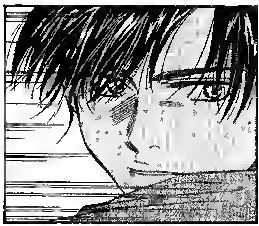
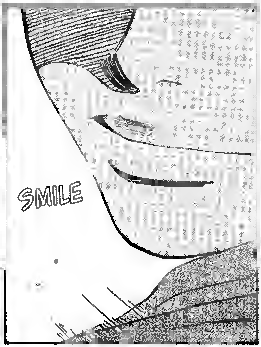
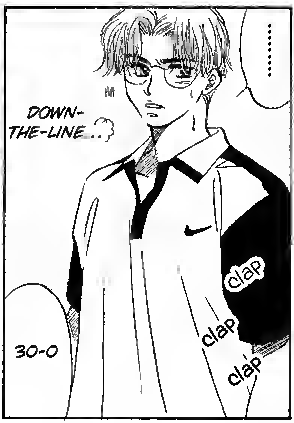



SMILE

FIRST ROUND, 6-0
pon
pon
SECOND ROUND, 6-0


.....
DOWN-THE-LINE..?
clap
clap
clap
30-0

SASEKO-KUN HASN'T LOST A GAME YET IN THIS TOURNAMENT.
IS THERE NO ONE IN JAPAN WHO CAN MATCH HIM ANYMORE?
IN-CREDIBLE.
THAT'S
HARD TO SAY.
GAME. SASEKO.
1-0
THUD
I NEED TO
GET USED TO THE SPEED OF THE GAME QUICKLY.
A LOVE GAME.
SASEKO IS REALLY STRONG.

RU...
CLENCH
RUUI, YOU STUPID IDIOT——!
LETTING HIM TRAMPLE ALL OVER YOU!
RUUI, YOU DUMMY.
MORON.
BLOCK-HEAD.
DOPE.
.....
boo
boo
DROOPY EYES.
WORSE THAN HEITA.
SFX: Clang
HEY!!

YOU TALKIN' ABOUT ME?
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
"WORSE THAN HEITA"...
You're pissing me OFF
Nuuu...
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING FUNNY.
WHAT?
EAH?
I'M JUST A LITTLE BUNNY.
HUH?
CLACK
TIME.

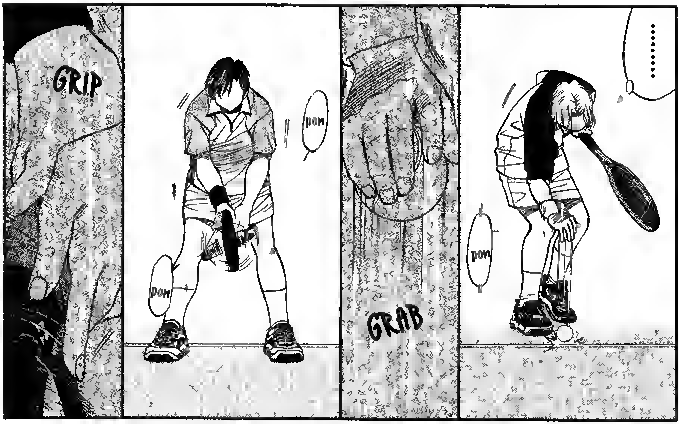
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY YEARS I'VE BEEN WAITING?
TAKITA.
CLATTER
HURRY UP!
GET SERIOUS!!
HMPH!
THEIR AURAS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

pon
pon
WHAT?
DON'T ASK ME SUCH A DUMB QUESTION.
IF YOU CALL YOURSELF A TENNIS PLAYER, YOU'D KNOW IT.
Not just calling! M one!
POISE
TOSS
YAH!
SASEKO AND THAT GUY.
THEIR LEVELS ARE TOO DIFFERENT.

HAA!
NGU!
BACK-HAND!
ANOTHER BACKHAND.
SMART. FORCING HIM TO ALL BACKHANDS.
"CONTAIN SASEKO'S FOREHANDS."
THAT'S A SAYING AMONG US.

YAAH
!!

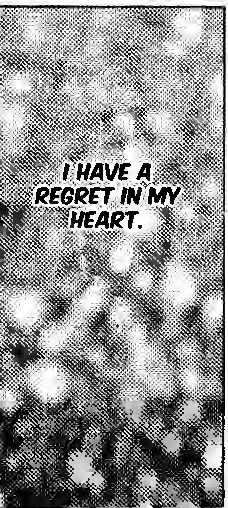
Saseko-kuuun
THAT ONE WAS REALLY GOOD.
CHEER
LEADING SASEKO AWAY.
15-0
CHEER
AL-RIGHT!
CLICK
!!
Kyaa Shun-kun kyaa
WHOA! WHAT SPORTS-MANSHIP!
clap
clap
UGH ...
NAUSE-ATING!
HO.


GRIP
DOM
DOM
GRAB
DOM
.....

!

UGH!

NGH!
AH!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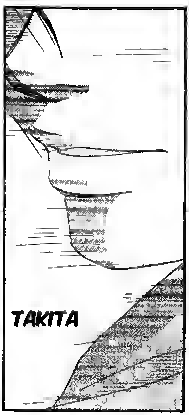
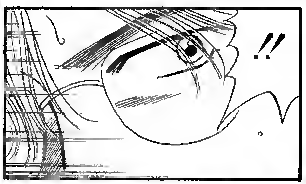

TAKITA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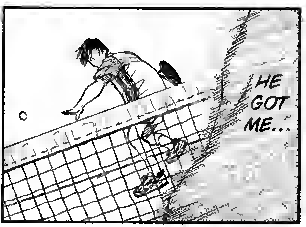

HE GOT ME...

STRO-
NG!
SCA-
RY!
SU-
PER!
15-15
HAA

THIS FEELING I HAVE ..
TAKITA'
DO YOU EVEN UNDER-STAND?!
IT'S VEXING ...
THAT UP UNTIL 7TH GRADE,
WHY WAS IT...
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED.
I NEVER ONCE BEAT YOU IN A REAL GAME?
POM
POM

ONCE YOU LET HIM HAVE AN EASY SHOT,
HE'LL RETURN WITH A SHARP FOREHAND.
HMM.
HMM.
SASEKO'S WEAPON
IS HIS POWERFUL FOREHAND.
WAS THAT HOW HE BEAT YOU, TAKATSU?
Mmm
BUT RUUI WILL TURN IT AROUND, YOU KNOW.
SMACK
DAMN BRAT ...
SMACK
HMM!
Again!
Awah

!!
GAME. SASEKO.
2-0
SIGH
HINAKO,
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ROOTING FOR RIGHT NOW?
KASUE

ONE DAY,
swish
STEADY
STEADY
THE RIVAL WHO WAS MY GOAL...
THE FIRE IN HIM SUDDENLY WENT OUT.
WHY?
GAME
SASEKO

IF I CAN'T DEFEAT YOU WHEN YOU'RE SERIOUS..
YAH!
THAT REGRET WILL FOREVER BE LODGED IN MY HEART.
GAME, SASEKO.

GAME, SASEKO
TAKI..?
TAKI..?

IS RUUI-SAMA UNWELL?
MAKO-SAMA,
IT'S BECAUSE THE OPPONENT IS TOO STRONG.
The sandwich's after-taste won't go away!
BURP

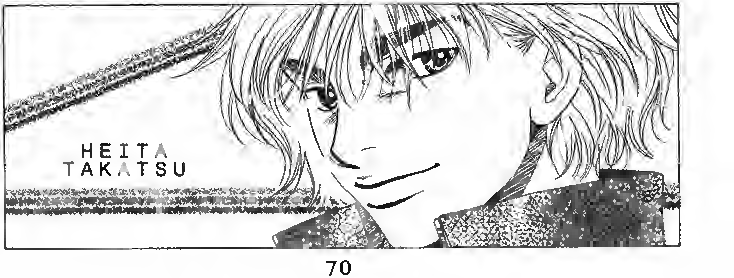
NOT YET, RUI!...
DON'T GIVE UP!!

I'M GOING...
TO THE WORLD STAGE...

I CAN'T DO IT...

しゃにむにGO
027 – A guy with mad skills

Saseko Shun
Kanagawa - Shouka
6
Tokita Ruui
Chiba - Makunogama
0
GAME AND FIRST SET. SASEKO.
6-0.
POW
POW
AMAZ-ING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEIR LEVELS ARE THIS DIFFER-ENT.
CLOSING THE FIRST SET WITH-OUT GIVING UP A SINGLE GAME TO THE OPPO-NENT.

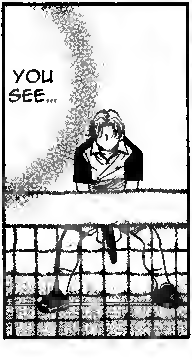

HEITA
TAKATSU

IT ISN'T WORKING, IS IT?
WIPE
.....
SO THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF A JUNIORS WORLD RANKER...
FOR A PLAYER IN A GAME.
MENTAL CONTROL IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE
YOUR INNER BATTLE, RIGHT NOW
IT MUST BE AGONIZING...
TAKITA

THAT'S A PITY.
really
ALL I HEAR
Oh, now
chatter chatter
ARE NOISES EVERYWHERE.
HE'S CONSIDERING HIMSELF A LOSER
BEFORE THE MATCH IS EVEN OVER.
RUU!!
STAY STRONG.
Dummy! Dummy!

UNBE-
LIEVABLE
HOW DID THAT TAKITA GUY GET INTO THE QUARTER-FINALS?
SNAP
WHA-DYA SAY?
15-0
UGH!
HAH
WATCH-ING HIM PLAY...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN...!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP!! RUUI JUST HASN'T SHOWN HIS FULL STRENGTH YET!
WATCH-ING RUUI'S PLAY..
HE'S JUST GETTING WARMED UP!
.....

MAKES MY HEART ACHE ...
WITH FRUSTRATION...!
HAH
.....


YOU SEE...

HAH

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I don't know if it's his hair (wavy) but kid-Ruui is super adorable! (and I'm the author!)
RuiRui, 2 years old
Ma-man
Pap-an
How in the world did he turn into such a cold teenager? I'm sure Ruui's papa is weeping inside right now
STARE
?
Ruui you were so cute as a child
SHI'IN-K'UN, YOU'RE A GENIUS,
MY DREAM FOR THE FUTURE?
I BET NOBODY MY AGE IN JAPAN CAN BEAT ME RIGHT NOW
AND I'LL TAKE ON THE GRAND SLAMS.
I WANT TO BE A PRO TENNIS PLAYER, OF COURSE

SAME AGE...?
YOU'RE THE SAME AGE, SHUN-KUN.
HE'S ASTONISHINGLY SKILLED

THAT KID JOINED THE CLUB TODAY
WHAT? WHO?

UGH!
IT POPPED UP!
C.K.!
THE FIRST TIME I SAW TAKITA PLAY, ALL THE CONFIDENCE I HAD CRUMBLED IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
.....
SASEKO'S SMASH!
!!

!!
GWAHH! HE READ YOU LIKE A BOOK!
HE SAW TAKITA SHIFT HIS WEIGHT TO HIS RIGHT FOOT SO HE HIT IT LIKE THAT.
GAME. SASEKO.
0-1.
TSK.
.....
GULP
AT THIS RATE, I DOUBT YOU'LL REGAIN YOUR FOOTING..

Saseko-san, the opponent
is fantastic, isn't he...
SFX Entranced
SFX Whoo
C-C-COLD
The Ma from Mako is the Ma in Majo (witch).
SO COLD.
RULI-SAMA...
SFX
SFX
SFX

RUUI!
GRIND
GRAB

IDE...?

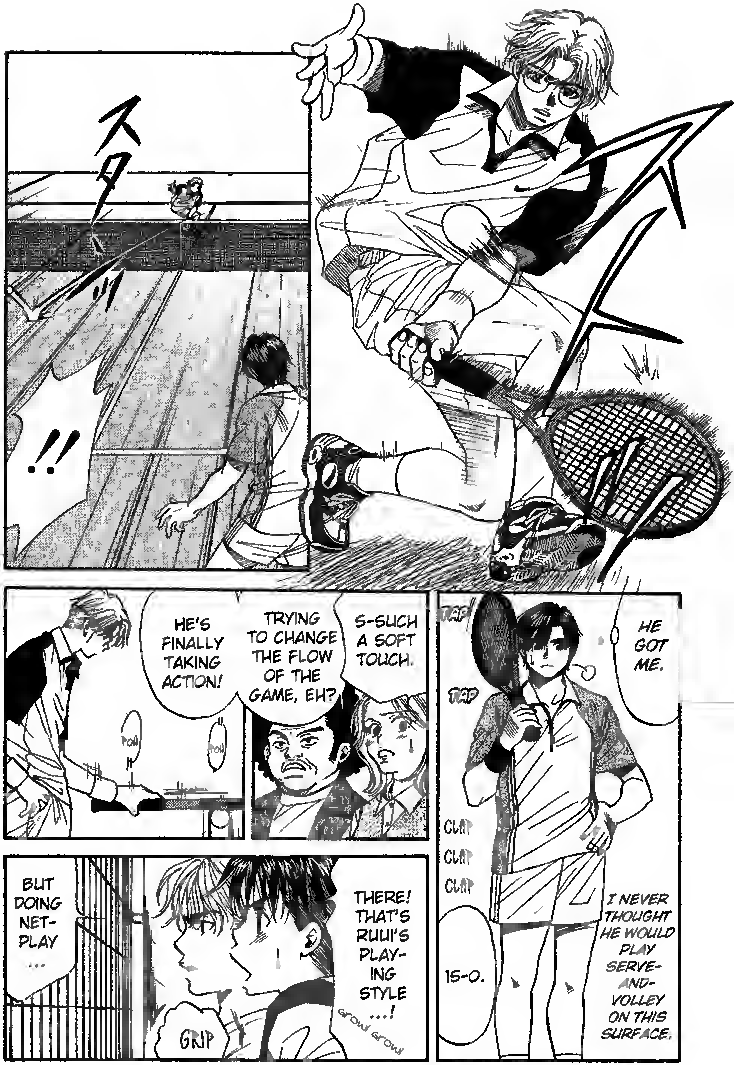
IF THIS KEEPS UP...
I'M GOING TO CALL YOU RUIRUI FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!!

SUCH A KID...
...WHAT THE HECK?
STUNNED...
RUIRUI?
.....
HMPH!
DUDE.
THAT WAS A SUPER EMBARRASSING THING TO SAY.
TI-THUMP

A SHUT-OUT?
6
0
THE FIRST SET WAS 6-0.
I HAVEN'T WON A SINGLE GAME?
THUMP
THUMP
TIME.
CLACK
PON
!!
SWISH
PON

HND
GRIP
TOSS
YAH!

!!
TAKITA IS DASHING TO THE NET?!
!?
NETDASH ?!
CLEVER !
HE RETURNED IT TO TAKITA'S FEET!



* Tennis can be played on clay, grass, carpet and hard surfaces. Depending on the surface, different strategies are called for.

SFX Pahaa
WHY IS IT TOUGH FOR NETPLAY?
A NO-VICE!!
NET-PLAY? WHY?
SMACK
GRIP
IT'S TOUGH FOR THIS SUR-FACE.
HUH? WHAT? SURFACE?
THE TYPE OF THE COURT.
THE COURT HERE IS AN OMNI*.
OMNI?
YOU CAN HEAR THE NOISE IT MAKES WHEN THE PLAYERS ARE RUN-NING
Huh?
It's filled with sand
T/N sand filled artificial grass tennis court
Y-Y-YOU BASTARD...
AND YOU'RE JUST A NOVICE?!!
YOU DARED MOUTH OFF TO ME (ME!)...
IT WAS IN! THE ANGLED VOLLEY!
40-15.

SUDDENLY,
TAKITA'S PLACEMENT IS MORE SKILLED..!?
ONE MORE POINT AND HE'LL WIN HIS FIRST SERVICE GAME!
AL-RIGHT !
GRIP
.....
A SLICE SHOT WON'T SLIDE AS WELL AS YOU WANT, WHICH MAKES IT HARD TO APPROACH TO THE NET.
SO EVEN IF YOU DASH TO THE NET, THE OPPONENT WILL EASILY KILL IT WITH A PASSING SHOT
BUT...
YAHH!
AND AN OMNI COURT
PON
MAKES THE BALL LOSE ITS SPEED AFTER A BOUNCE.

AFTER I CAME BACK FROM AUSTRALIA,
IF YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT
AND HAVE THE SKILLS TO BACK IT UP...
...THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.
I WAS BORED TO TEARS WITH THE MUNDANE STYLE OF JAPANESE GROUNDSTROKE RALLIES.
NGH!
TAKITA IS APPROACHING THE NET AGAIN!

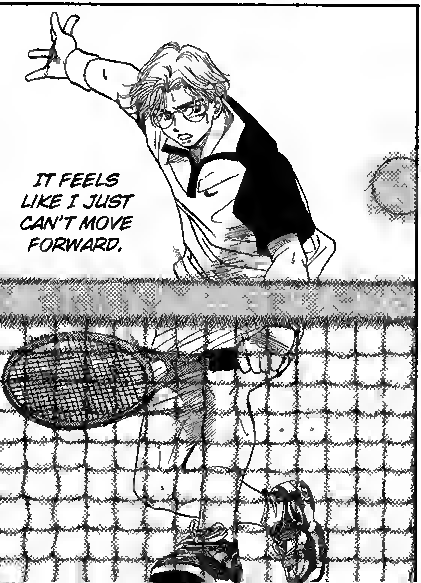
SA-
SEKO'S
FORE-
HAND!
IT'S
GOING
TO BE A
PASS-
ING
SHOT!
!!
RUU!!

!!
WHA...
GAME TAKITA.
1-1.
AAA

THAT WAS DANG-EROUS!
THAT DIVING VOLLEY JUST NOW!
HE KEPT A GAME FROM THAT SASEKO!
SERVICE GAME SAVED!
わあ
SFX No way! Saseko-ku—n!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
……
HE DID IT...
B-BUMP
FIRST, KEEP MY SERVICE GAMES.
B-BUMP
B-BUMP

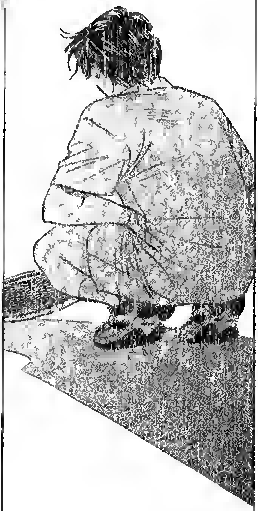
THERE'RE
GUYS WITH MAD SKILLS HERE, TOO!
I SHOULDN'T LOOK DOWN ON JAPANESE PLAYERS ANYMORE.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHAT...
!!
ON
D
OH?!
!!

!?
HE'S STILL SMILING
.....
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WIN, IT'S LIKE THERE'S STILL SOMEONE IN FRONT OF ME.
IT'S TORTURE...



SINCE...

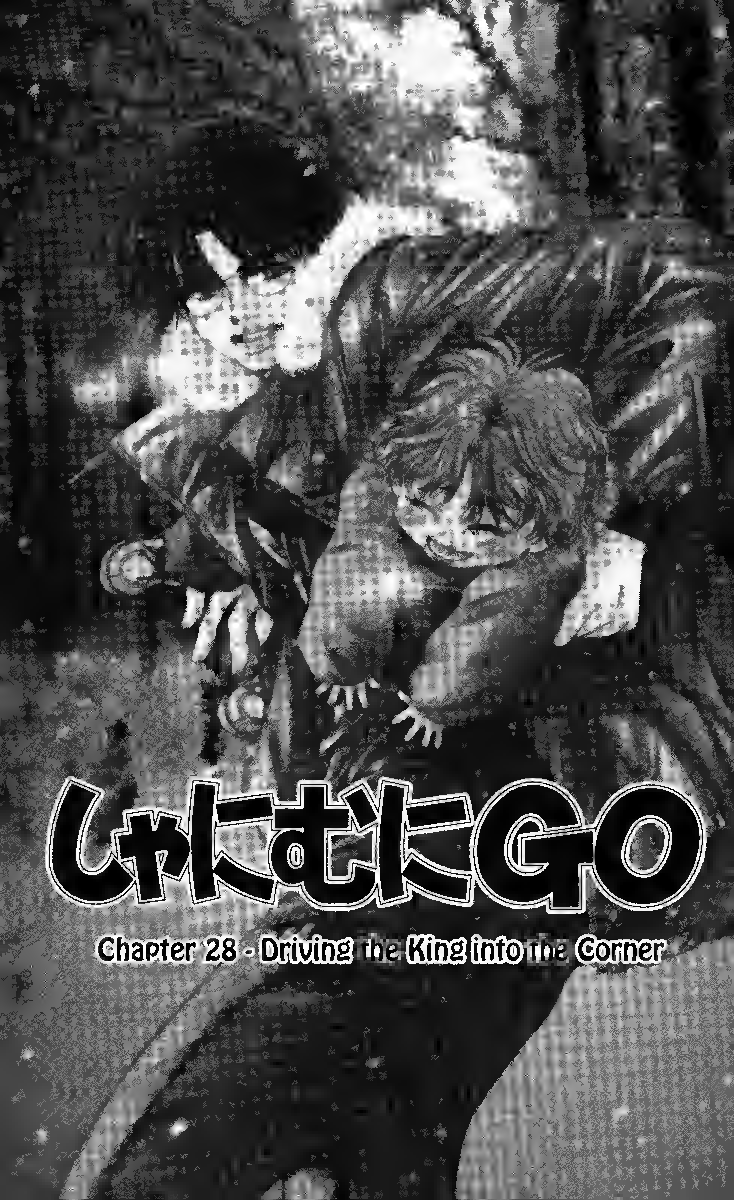
I'VE NEVER WON WHEN TAKITA WAS PLAYING SERIOUSLY.



SASEKO KANAGAWA SHOLIKA
64
TAKITA CHIBA KAKINOGAWA
04
4-4.
GAME. TAKITA.
AMAZ-ING.
FROM THE SECOND SET ON, NEITHER ONE HAS LOST A SER-VICE GAME.
SUCH A CLOSE MATCH.
BUT I'M SURE
SASEKO WILL PREVAIL AT THE END.
WIPE
THAT TAKITA GUY IS PANTING HEAVILY. HIS STAMINA IS DE-PLETED.
.....
MY LEGS
SO HEAVY

!?
BELIEVE IT...
I CAN'T

DAD...
4-4...?
WIPE
LOOKS LIKE THE FUN WILL LAST FOR A WHILE YET.
SOMEHOW THAT CHEERING SOUNDS INCREDIBLY WRONG.
This is the only time I'll cheer for you
CLAP
CLAP
RUUi, CHA CHA CHA! RUUi, CHA CHA CHA!

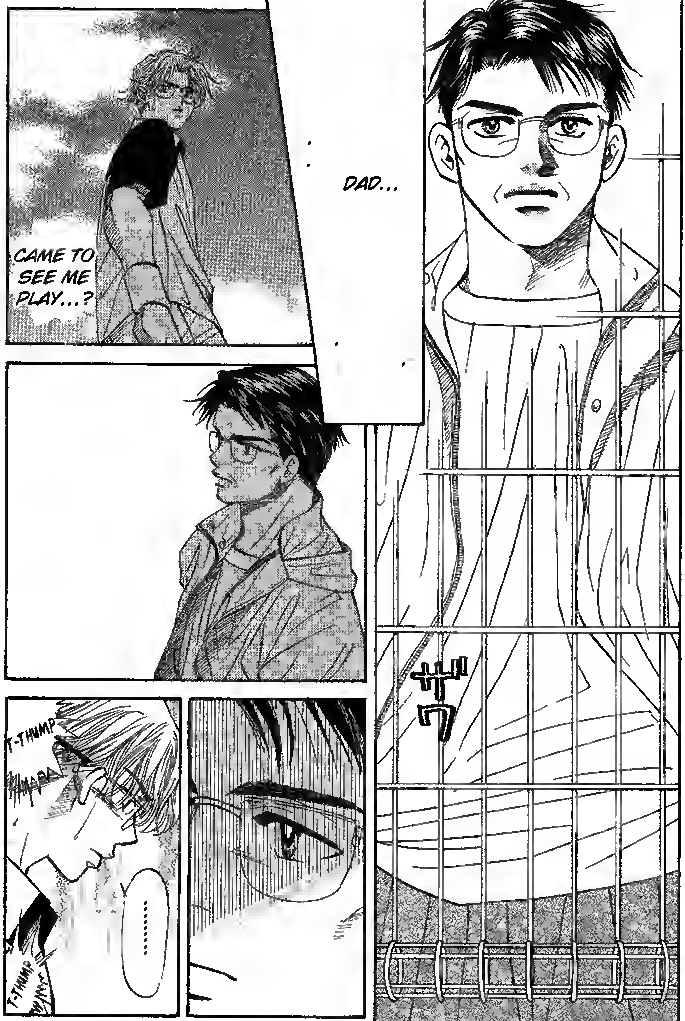


Chapter 28 - Driving the King into the Corner

しゃにむにGO

HAA
RUU!
DO YOU LIKE TENNIS...?
VERY GOOD, RUU!
MAMA WOULD BE SURPRISED
IT DIDN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE THIS WAS YOUR FIRST TRY AT TENNIS
HEITA TAKATSU

TAKE THIS CHANCE TO QUIT TENNIS.
RUUU...
ARE YOU PLAYING TENNIS FOR?
WHAT
YOU WON'T GAIN ANYTHING BY PLAYING IT!
!


CAME TO SEE ME PLAY...?
DAD...
ガシャン
T-THUMP
T-THUMP
.....

pom
pom
THUMP
!!
DAD...
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?
WORN OUT?
CHAPTER
CHAPTER

STEP
!?
GRIP
RUUI
...
GRIP

EVEN FROM BEHIND
I CAN SENSE THE DETERMINATION RADIATING FROM RUI!!
CHILLS
!
WH- WH_T?
CHILLS
WHAT'S THIS?
THIS SPINE-TINGLING SENSATION ?!
CHILLS
CHILLS
THAT'S AMAZING...
BUT NOT YET.
.....
CHILLS
CHILLS
YOU HAVEN'T DRIVEN THE KING INTO THE CORNER, YET!

UGH!
IT'S SH-ARP!
AND OFF THE COURT!
!!
YOU CAN GET IT! GET IT BACK IN!

HE HIT IT FROM OUTSIDE THE COURT!!
OUT OR IN?!
WAS IT ON THE LINE?!

IN!!
TAKITA GOT THE FIRST POINT!
0-15
!
GOOD MOVE...
CREAK
CREAK
.....

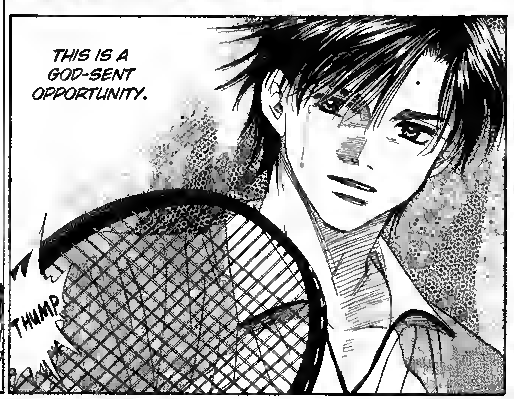
¼ space No 4

I have two cats named Mel and Cam.

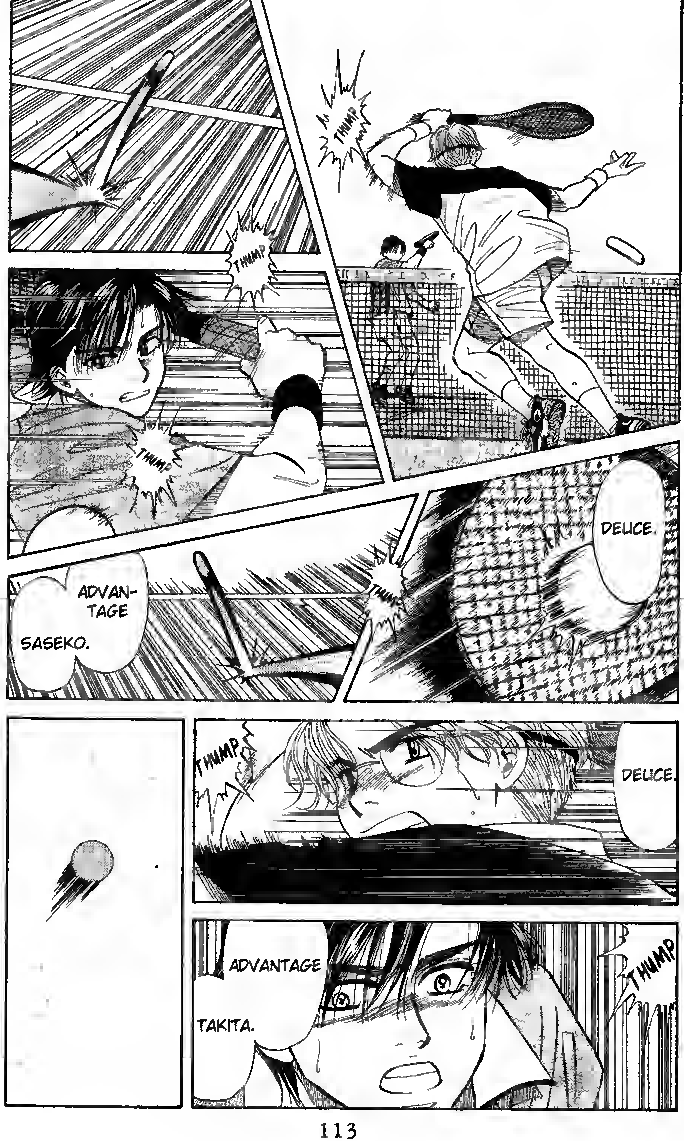
Cam's leg

Mel's leg

Even so, I tend to step on Mel's by accident more often. I wonder why



AND MOVE FORWARD!
I NEED TO SEIZE THIS CHANCE...
THUMP
THUMP
UGH!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


THWAP
THWAP
THWAP
DEUCE.
ADVAN-
TAGE
SASEKO.
THWAP
THWAP
DEUCE.
ADVANTAGE
TAKITA.
THWAP

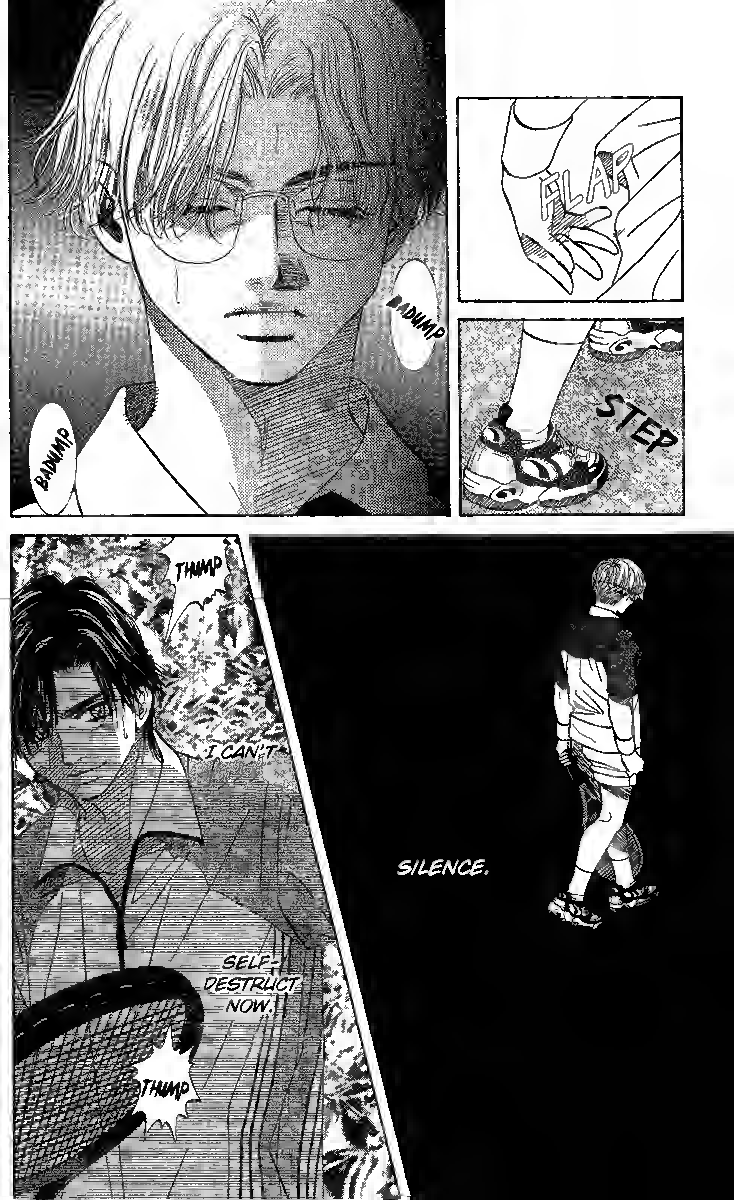
THWAP

GAME.

SASEKO LOST HIS SERVICE GAME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS TOURNAMENT!
5-4 TAKITA.
TAKITA.
SASEKO WAS STOPPED?!
OH NO! SASEKO -KUN!
WIN THE NEXT GAME AND YOU GET THE SECOND SET!
TAKITA! TAKITAA!
HAA... I FORGOT TO BREATHE ...
Inhale
dammit
haa
haa
WHUFF.
!
fwHaa

WH!
GWHAA!!
TORTURE!!
HM?
SEEING YOU SNICKER IS SO HUMILIATING!
WHAT THE HELL?!
Why?!
Hm?
HHH
HIS PLAY IS BASICALLY THE SAME...
BUT HIS BALL PLACEMENT AND HIS READ ON THE GAME HAVE IMPROVED!
THE MOMENTUM OF THE GAME... SUDDENLY SHIFTED TO TAKITA...? WHY...?!
bite
rip
WHY?

CREAK
CREAK
HAA
HAA
HAA
TIME.


BADUMP
BADUMP
FLAP
STEP
THUMP
I CAN'T
SELF-DESTRUCT NOW.
THUMP
SILENCE.

DO YOU THINK I CAN CAPTURE THIS FEELING WITH MY CAMERA?
an amateur one
I THOUGHT TAKITA-KUN WAS DONE FOR
NOT BAD.
A-MAZING.
pon
pon
FOR TAKITA-KUN TO BE ABLE TO GO NECK-AND-NECK WITH SASEKO-KUN.
GOD-~!!
PLEASE!!
ぎゅっ
YAAH!
PLEASE LET RUUI-SAMA HAVE THIS GAME!!

15-0
IT BARELY TOUCHED THE CENTER SERVICE LINE
YAAAH!
VERY GOOD, RUI!

PLEASE PRAISE ME.
UGH!
YAH!
I THOUGHT IF I PLAYED TENNIS,
DAD WOULD BE WATCHING ME.
I JUST WANT YOUR PRAISE.
.....
BECAUSE I WAS A CHILD...

UGH!
YAH!
SASEKO-KUN PUSHED IT BACK TO THE BASELINE!
TAKITA-KUN CAN'T APPROACH THE NET NOW!
KYA!
THERE!
GET IT!

AGAIN!
GRR
!!
OH
CLANG
SASEKO'S SIGNATURE MOVE.
A ONE-BEAT DELAYED FOREHAND!
THEN I'LL HIT TO THE LEFT!
GYAH!
HE SHIFTED TO THE RIGHT.

!!
!!!
K!!!
K!!!
40-30
.....
Ah
Ahh
Ahh
Hh!!!

ONE ...
MORE POINT ..
INCREDIBLE! THE RALLY JUST NOW!
IT SURE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL MATCH
AWE-SOME!
S-
SET POINT!
HERE... IT... COMES!
pon
pon
pon
pon
RUUI...
THIS IS REALLY NERVE-RACKING FOR EVERYONE!
CLENCH

pom
THUMP
T-THP
T-THP
T-H-THUMP
AAAH!!

NGH!
RAHH!
AAH!

OUT!
EH?
GAME! SECOND SET!
TAKITA.
6-4

I DID IT!!
TAKITA GOT THE SECOND SET!
NOW WE'LL HAVE A THIRD SET!
AMAZING! HE BEAT SASEKO!
HE ACTUALLY MADE SASEKO EXERT HIMSELF.
And you're just a RuuRuu
AMAZING!
AMAZING!
AMAZING!
AMAZING!
CHILLS
CHILLS

BMP
FINALLY...
BMP
HIS SMILE'S GONE.
I'M TREMBLING WITH EXCITEMENT!
BMP
!!
LOOK!
BMP
BMP
"YOU'VE DRIVEN THE KING INTO THE CORNER...
SASEKO HAS STOPPED EXPRESSING ANY EMOTION.

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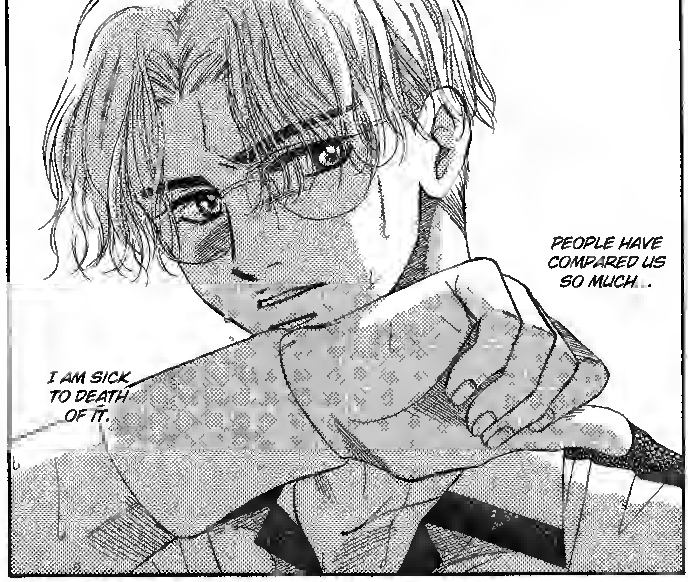
Chapter 29 : Fighter

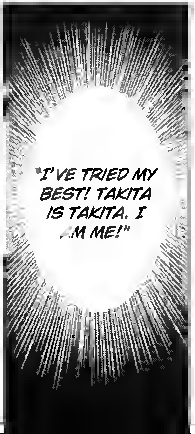
THUMP
NORMALLY, SASEKO'S PLAY IS RELAXED.
THUMP
WHEN HE STOPS RELAXING,
HIS EXPRESSIONS STOP ALTOGETHER
HE ALWAYS PLAYS WITH AN EASY DEMEANOR AND A COOL SMILE.
THUMP
THUMP
HEITA TAKATSU

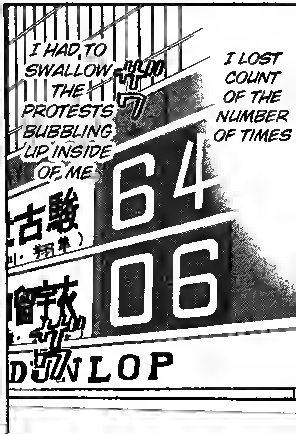
THUMP
I MUST
DEFEAT TAKITA
RIGHT HERE.
THUMP
BEFORE THE DAY
I FACE HIM ON A WORLD TOUR.
WE'RE THE SAME AGE,
WE TRAINED AT THE SAME TENNIS CLUB,
AND FOUGHT MANY DUELS.
THUMP
THUMP


PEOPLE HAVE COMPARED US SO MUCH...
I AM SICK TO DEATH OF IT.

FOR MY STRENGTH
TO BE CONSTANTLY MEASURED AGAINST TAKITA'S...
IT WAS MORTIFYING

HE DIDN'T GET A SINGLE GAME IN THE FIRST SET BUT HE WON THE SECOND ONE.
THIS GUY TAKITA, HE'S REALLY SOME-THING.


"I'VE TRIED MY BEST! TAKITA IS TAKITA. I AM ME!"


I LOST COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF TIMES
I HAD TO SWALLOW THE PROTESTS BUBBLING UP INSIDE OF ME.
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06
DUNLOP

¼ space No 5
Takatsu Heita made an appearance in the Kantou Tournament Arc I don't know why but the readers love him And he's just as much a kid as Nobucchi
I'm not a kid, darn it!!
It's only natural that I'm popular with the chicks.
AND WELL-LIKED BY MALE READERS, TOO
I'M HEITA
THE FINAL SET IS ABOUT TO START.
IT'S JUST AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY.
IF IT CAN GIVE ᵔRUIIᵔ WHAT HE LACKS...
BUT...

PON
SO THAT
HE BECOMES STRONGER...
pon
pon
pon
pon
.....

.....
THE FINAL SET
SO TIRED.
MY LEGS ARE LIKE LE D.
TAKITA...
BUT...
MY STILL REACTS THE BALL.
YOU MUST BE THOROUGHLY WORN OUT.

NN
AH!
RIGHT NOW
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT'S KEEPING YOU
STAND-ING?!
UGH!
!!

SERVE AND VOLLEY?!
EH?!
NOW IT'S THE OPPOSITE!
SASEKO, HE...
NGH!
...AH

HE GOT IT!
TAKITA!
GRR!
TAKITA!
HE RETURNED IT?
..AH
TAKITA!
WHY?!

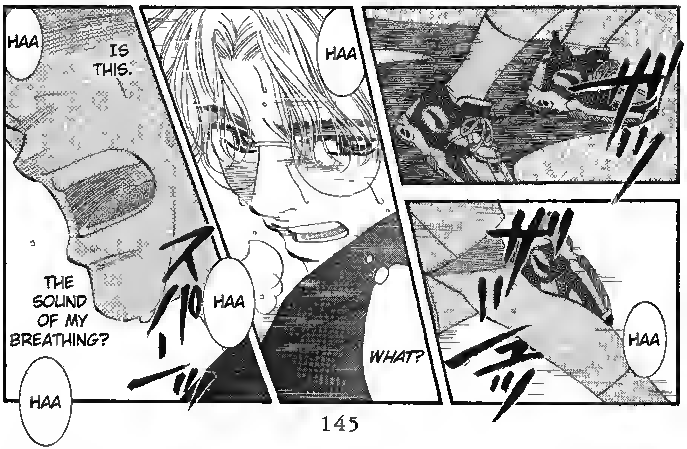
FI...
15-0
YOU...
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT...
TO MOVE LIKE THAT...
HHH
HHH
HE HURT HIS ARM.
IT'S RARE TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS...
Diving Head-first
H-HE SEEMS OKAY...
SASEKO..
HH
HHH
!
DMA
DMP
SASEKO IS PLAYING DESPER-ATELY...

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO PUSH HIM THAT FAR!
DAMM-IT...
!
SON OF A BITCH. .
WHY DO I HAVE TO WATCH SOMEONE ELSE'S GAME...
ND FEEL SO INFERIOR?!
!?
DAMMMMIT
Hm?

I
THUMP
CLENCH
WANT TO STAND ON THE COURT RIGHT NOW!
THUMP
THUMP
THOUGHTS AND COMPETENCY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. YOU COULD NEVER HIT LIKE THAT.
WHAT?!
BEING INSPIRED IS A GOOD THING, BUT...
.....
THUMP
I'M THE MAN WHO WILL WIN THE INTER-HIGH!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?! DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
THUMP

THWACK
OW!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING TENNIS?
WIN THE INTER-HIGH?!
SINCE APRIL OF THIS YEAR!
YAH!
THUMP
WHAT DO I DO?
THUMP
WHY...?!
HINAKO-SAN
THUMP

YAH!
TAKITA-KUN...
IDE-KUN...
WHICH SIDE WILL YOU BE ROOTING FOR?
FORGIVE ME...


HAA
IS THIS THE SOUND OF MY BREATHING?
HAA
HAA
WHAT?
HAA
HAA

HAA
I'M TIRED
MY LEGS ARE HEAVY
HAA
HAA
NO . I CAN STILL MOVE.
BUT MY BODY STILL REACTS TO THE BALL
HAA
I WANT TO...
WIN THIS FIGHT!!
AAH!
NGH!

!...
.....
A tennis player...
a runner...
on the court, is a sprinter.
!...
UGH!

and a fighter ...
R-RAN -SAMA,
MANA-SAMA ...
YES?
IS SOME-THING WRONG ?
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
M-MY LEGS ARE TREMBLING SO MUCH... I CAN BARELY STAND UP...
The match time has exceeded 1.5 hours.
HEEH
AAA
.....
!!!!!

The final set.
Neither getting a service break.
Silence descended on the court.
At this moment...
UGH!

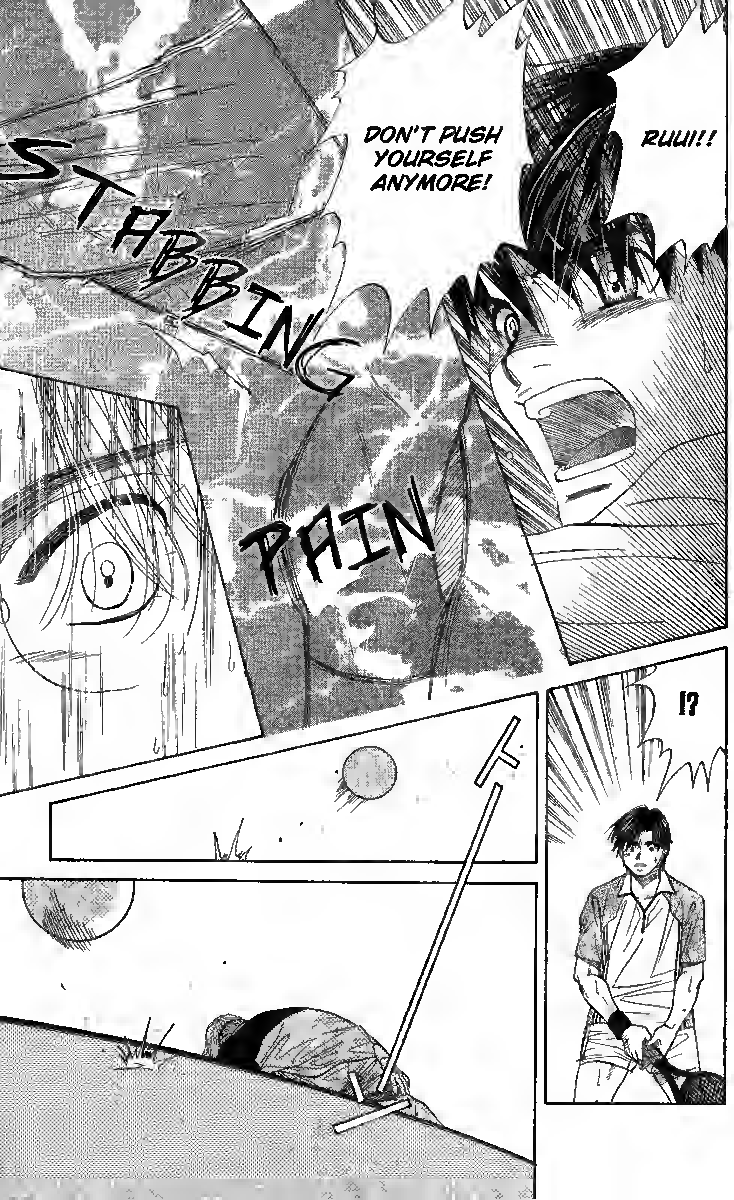
*A rather high, offensive lob that curves in a semicircle - it's hit with topspin.

TWITCH!
ANOTHER MOONBALL!
AAH!
THUMP
IS THIS..
NO...
THUMP
AH..
THUMP

I'M...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING. NOT NOW!
THUMP
I'M ALMOST THERE!
ALREADY THIS FAR.
RUUI... NO...
DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.
HEY ...?

RAHHH!
THE PACE CHANGED!
UFF!
HIS SHOTS SUDDENLY BECAME VERY SHARP!
UGHHHH!
PAIN
PIERCING
PAIN
PAIN
UGH!

HI
!
YAH!
RUUI...
DAD IS WATCHING !
HM?
!!!
THRO
GOD ...!!
THROB
RUUI...
YOU'RE AT YOUR LIMIT, RIGHT?
?
OH? DO I KNOW HIM FROM SOMEWHERE..?


STABBING
PAIN
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF ANYMORE!
RUU!!
!?

AH...
PAIN
AH...
PAIN
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
ARGH
...
SHAKE
SHAKE
KOTT
EH
...?
WHAT
?
TAKITA
...?!
AH...
PAIN
PAIN
PAIN
PAIN
AAH...!
HAAH
...

TA-TAKI-TA?!
MY GOOD-NESS!
HIS RIGHT LEG IS TREM-BLING!
CLANG
CR-AMPS ...
!!
TAKI-TA-KUN ...!
...AH ...
AH ... NO...
M-MAKO-SAMA, HE'LL BE ALRIGHT.
SO MUCH PAIN...
BUT...

PAIN
AH...
UGH...
MY LOWER THIGH!
DAMMIT ...!
PAIN
UGH ...AH
DAMMIT ...!
PAIN
PAIN
UGHH ...
TAKITA!
AH...
UUGH...
SHUDDERS
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT ?
SHUDDERS
AH ...
SHUDDERS

TAKITA
DON'T... TOUCH ME...
IT'S INFURIATING, ISN'T IT...
.....
CLENCH

Takita Ruui retired in game seven of the final set due to muscle cramps in his right leg.

The Kantou Tournament's quarterfinals.

Saseko (6-0, 4-6, 3-3) Takita (retired)

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030 – Let's get stronger together

GAME, SET, AND MATCH.
TAKITA RETIRED.
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UNLOP
SASEKO.
HEITA TAKATSU

HA
HA
HAA
CLENCH
LIKE THIS?!
JWON...
GRIT
LIKE THIS?!
TAKITA...
FOUND HIS CONCENTRATION DURING THE MATCH!

SHAKE
HE WAS PLAYING SERIOUSLY!
TAKITA...
SHAKE
PUT HIS HEART INTO THE GAME!

¼ space No.6

You see. The manga has more and more characters, and they're all male. But it's fun writing about interesting rivals with unique personalities. they really spice up the story. From now on, more characters will make an appearance. Please wait and see.

Anyway, see you in Vol 6

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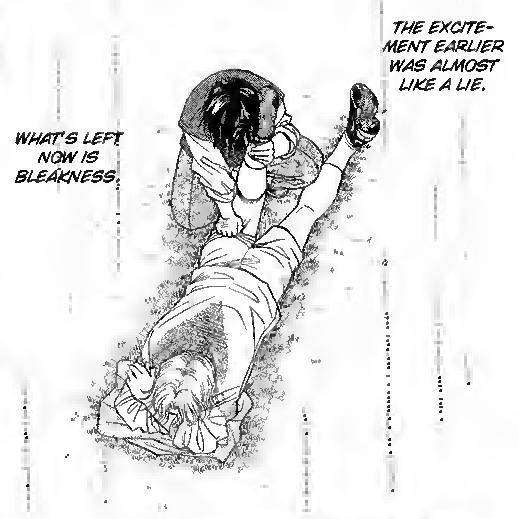
Yeah
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M AN EX-TRACK RUNNER, YOU KNOW.
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE YOUR LEG LIKE THIS?!
DAMN YOU! BAKACHIN!
ARGH! STOP!
IT'LL ONLY GET WORSE WITH A BAD MASSAGE!
.....
EH?!
NO, THANKS.
WHY NOT?!
SFX HMPH
SFX Turns
I ALWAYS DID IT FOR FRIENDS WHO PULLED A MUSCLE DURING AN INTENSE WORKOUT.
Now, face down already!
BE IT CRAMPS OR MUSCLE STRAINS ...
CORRUPTION
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
CORRUPTION
HE'S GOOD.
AH...
KNEAD

WE'VE FOUND NOBUCCHI'S UNEXPECTED TALENT
WHOA
AHEM
……
……

RUUI...?


WHAT'S LEFT NOW IS BLEAKNESS.
THE EXCITEMENT EARLIER WAS ALMOST LIKE A LIE.

HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN LEG CRAMPS..?
IT'S NOT ABOUT LUCK.
UM... NEVER. I'M LUCKY, I GUESS.

B-BUMP
IDE.
HEH?!

SIMPLY PUT,
I'M NOT FIT ENOUGH TO FIGHT SASEKO, RIGHT NOW.
IT'S ABOUT THE PRESSURE,
AND THE STAMINA.
CLENCH
...
RIGHT NOW, YOU SAY?
...WHICH MEANS SASEKO IS A HUGE WALL THAT BOTH YOU AND I HAVE TO CLIMB OVER.
AND WINNING THE INTER-HIGH CHAMPIONSHIPS IS MY GOAL TOO.
STARTING NOW, YOU WILL FACE EACH OTHER MANY MORE TIMES.
SASEKO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW FOR A MAGAZINE,
THAT HE'LL WIN THE INTER-HIGH THREE YEARS RUNNING.

RUUI...
LET'S GET STRONGER TOGETHER.
WHA-?
thump
AND...
thump
WIN THE INTER-HIGH IN DOUBLES.
thump

SFX Grin
Gosh, what silly grin.
.....
Surprised
AND THE TEAM TOURNAMENT TOO!
OCH!
Che! Overconfident idiot
Jump
Ewip
DON'T PUT THAT ON US!
WHOA!
WH-WHAT?
HINAKO-SAN!
O-OKAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
relieved
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T PLAY TENNIS..
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!!
WE NEED GOOD TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THAT.

IF MY HEART
CAN BE ONE WITH EVERY-ONE ELSE'S AS THE MAN-AGER OF THE MAKUNOGAMA TEAM..
EVEN IF THEY'RE FACING SHUN...
I'LL BE ABLE TO CHEER FOR THEM WITHOUT RESERVA-TION...
WITH THIS...
I CAN SUPPORT THEM..
SASEKO SURE IS A LUCKY BASTARD,
AT THAT POINT IN THE GAME,
NOTHING IS LUCKIER THAN HAVING THE OPPONENT RETIRE.
HEY.
CLACK

SFX Thud
SFX Yeah
YOU WERE GONE FOR A WHILE!
S-SASEKO...
!?
OH. YOU CHANGED CLOTHES.
THERE'S STILL THE TEAM TOURNAMENT LEFT. YOU MUST BE TIRED.
YOU THINK? BUT WASN'T IT A LUCKY MATCH FOR ME? I CAN'T BE TIRED, CAN I?
EEP, THE SARCASM
HE'S SCARIER WHEN HE'S QUIET.
TAKITA
PUSHED HIMSELF OVER THE LIMIT.

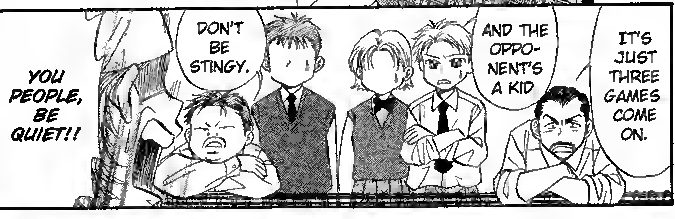
I HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITY TO WIN.
TAKITA MUST HAVE HAD A BREAK IN HIS TRAINING.
BUT HIS PLAY...
SHIVER
WHAT IF TAKITA IMPROVES HIS STAMINA AND STRENGTH?
THE TOUGHEST FIGHT OF ALL
IT'S GOING TO BE
THE ANSWER COULDN'T BE CLEARER....
.....

HM?
rustle
YO!
RACKET
WHAT'S IT, TAKATSU?
YOU WITHDREW FROM YOUR MATCH WHY THE RACKET?
SHUDDUP. I STILL HAVE THE TEAM TOURNAMENT.
I'M ALLOWED TO PRACTICE A LITTLE DURING LUNCH BREAK
WHAT DO YOU SAY? WANNA BREAK A SWEAT?
Tap

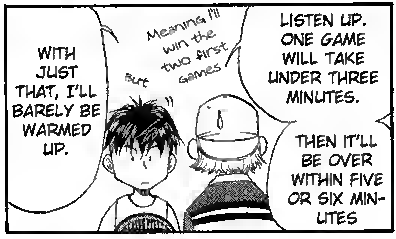
I JUST NEED A LITTLE WARM UP!
IT'S NOT A MATCH!!
LET'S HAVE A MATCH!
YES! YES! LET'S DO IT!
When did they become so close?
Oh.
SFX Excited
SFX Sparkle
HM?
BUT WHY ME?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO STAND ON THE COURT?
I SEE
BUT HONESTLY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MY POTENTIAL, RIGHT?
GAH
YOU'RE INFURIATING!
GIGGLE
!?
TAKITA?
I couldn't tell!
SURE.
RUUI, LET ME BORROW YOUR RACKET.
THE MATCH.
TOO BAD, HUH.

T/N *A line from Saitou Tetsuo s song "Ima no kimi wa pikapika ni hikatte." The song is very old (1980) ^ ^

COME ON! GIVE IT A GO! DON'T BE SELFISH!
A THREE-GAME MATCH.
ALRIGHT. A MINI-GAME.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
THE SELFISH ONE IS YOU...!
I SAID IT'S NOT A MATCH!


YOU PEOPLE, BE QUIET!!
DON'T BE STINGY.
AND THE OPPONENT'S A KID
IT'S JUST THREE GAMES COME ON.

FIVE OR SIX MINUTES AT MOST?


WITH JUST THAT, I'LL BARELY BE WARMED UP.
Meaning I'll win the two first games
But
LISTEN UP. ONE GAME WILL TAKE UNDER THREE MINUTES.
THEN IT'LL BE OVER WITHIN FIVE OR SIX MINUTES

YOU JUST WANT THAT
BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID I'LL BEAT YOU AFTER I GET WARMED UP, AREN'T YOU?
SMILE
Y-
SFX Gahh
YOU LITTLE ...!
GRIN
SMACK
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
RUUI.
STEP
SFX Gahh

YOU HAVE NO MORE MATCHES, RIGHT?
.....
DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TOGETHER?
WHAT'S NEXT?
I SEE...
NO.
TWITCH
TOO BAD THE MATCH ENDED LIKE THAT.
I'M NOT A KID. I'LL GO BACK WITH MY TEAM.

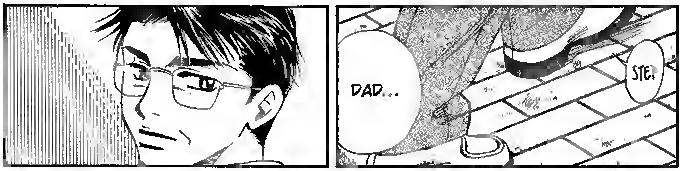
!
DAD...
HOW IS YOUR LEG?
CLENCH
YOU WANTED ME TO LOSE, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT?
I NEVER THINK THAT
BUT YOU THINK IT'S NATURAL THAT I WOULD LOSE?

!!
THE THAT'S LEVEL YOU'RE AT RIGHT NOW.
.....
RISE
... TSK
.....
WHY DON'T YOU... JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT ...!
ALL YOU WANT IS FOR ME TO QUIT TENNIS.

THAT YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO
THE SAME THING MOM DID...!
OKAY.
DISAD-VAN-TAGE?
WE'LL DO A MINI-GAME.
WE'LL START WITH LIGHT RALLY. YOU'LL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

YOU'RE NOT USING YOUR OWN RACKET, RIGHT?
BUT I'M USING MINE
I CAN'T AFFORD TO FEEL OFF BEFORE A REAL MATCH.
IT'S NOT A DISADVANTAGE. THIS IS RUIRUI'S SPECIAL RACKET, YOU KNOW!
IT'S A DISADVANTAGE NO MATTER WHOSE RACKET!
STEP
STEP
.....
YOU COMMON PEOPLE OVER THERE SHALL BE THE UMPIRES...
It's your fault anyways
BOO
ANNOYED.
I'M ON THE COURT.
YEAH.
RUIRUI...

I'M GOING HOME.
.....
YOU PLAYING TENNIS ...
AND YOUR MOM, THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EACH OTHER.


DAD...
STE!

I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU FOR COMING.

DON'T COME BACK TOO LATE.
.....
FUU...
!!
CLICK

UH... UHM...
UWHAA?!
SFX Startle
H-HONJOU-SAN, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE...?
My friends are over there.
BUT I SAW YOU LYING WITH THE TOWEL OVER YOUR HEAD FOR A WHILE.
SO I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU...
You kinda wild
S-SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVES-DROP...
B-BAH
B-BAH
Y-YES!
BUT YOU BEING THERE... IS MAKING ME UNCOM-FORTABLE. COME OUT.
compact
Smile
.....

SFX Ah
A-AM I A BOTHER AGAIN?!
!
smile
smile
IF YOU'RE QUIET,
IT'S NOT A BOTHER.
NO.
MAKO-SAMA, HOW WONDER-FUL!
YOU'VE MADE PROG-RESS!

WAS THERE SOME-THING?
I'M A TENNIS JOURNALIST, FUKUYAMA SHIGERU.
NO... NOT EXACTLY...
EXCUSE ME.
UHM ...
WHAT IS FUKU-YAMA-SAN TRYING TO DO?
I SAW YOU DURING THE MATCH.
AND... I FELT LIKE I'D SEEN YOU BEFORE
SOME-WHERE
.....
THEN JUST NOW,
I SAW YOU AND TAKITA-KUN TOGETHER..
SO...
NOW I REMEM-BER..
WHY YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR..
SFX Reach

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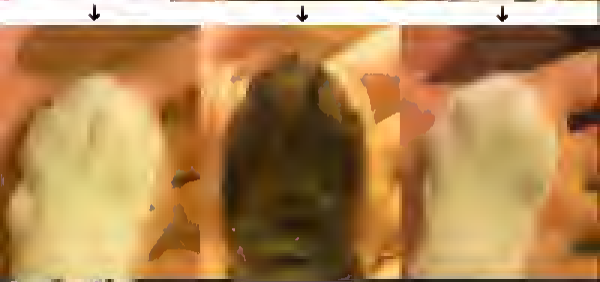

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